(c) whether there was any proceedings of the Government sanctioning this scheme;

(d) what was the reason to set aside the above scheme and to take up the present scheme of opening Fair Price Shops?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):*

(a), (b), (c) & (d) A proposal was submitted by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies for the distribution of kerosene oil and sugar to the villagers through certain non-official agencies among whom Panchayats were also included. The Minister called together some of the non-officials amongst whom some of the Panchayatdars were also included. The scheme with regard to sugar was sanctioned provisionally to be given a trial. Immediately afterwards the Government took up a bigger scheme of starting Fair Price Shops for the retail sale of rice. It was then thought that there was no necessity for two separate agencies working for the same purpose and so the work of distribution of kerosene and sugar was decided to be entrusted to the Fair Price Shops themselves.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Were not proceedings passed by Government sanctioning the scheme?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was the Minister consulted when it was changed?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Yes.

POLITICAL MEETINGS—PARTICIPATION IN

69. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Miss A. Padmini, M.A., who has recently been appointed as Assistant Lecturer of Hindi in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, had presided or addressed in any of the political meetings or moved any resolution in any political or other meetings held at Trichur in connection with the recent Civil Disobedience Movement;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any assurance from her that she has changed her views in politics or whether she will refrain from subversive activities;

(c) whether she had any part in the recent student strikes in the Colleges and High Schools in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(a) Yes. She presided over a ladies' meeting at Trichur soon after the arrest of the Congress leaders to protest against the arrests and addressed the meeting. No resolutions were moved.

(b) No assurance has been demanded or given.

(c) She has not come to notice in connection with the students' strikes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Was the meeting referred to a banned one?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I don't think there was a ban.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Government have got a copy of her speech?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether Government got any communication from the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam that assurance might be taken from the party concerned that she would not take part in future meetings?

മിസ്സർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : സർ, ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തിയെ പ്രതിഷേധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു കൂടിയ ഒരു യോഗത്തിൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷം വഹിച്ച ഒരു സ്ത്രീയെ യാതൊരു അഷ്വറൻസും കൂടാതെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടസർവ്വീസിൽ എടുത്തതു ന്യായമാണോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* He did not want Government to get any assurance.

It is not the intention of Government either to allay questions or to provoke them. But I must make this statement to clarify the position.

For a long time after the arrest of the Congress leaders this Government did not take any kind of drastic action and meetings were held. It is only at a certain stage that Government thought it necessary to ban public meetings. This was a meeting which was held before the ban came into operation. After enquiries had been made I heard that she just presided. She was the usual speaker who spoke nothing. She was just the President. She did not preside over a meeting where this was discussed. Government did not think there was any necessity to prohibit the appointment of people like her.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The appointment was made by the Staff Selection Board. At the time of the appointment nothing adverse to her had come to the notice of the Government in any fashion. I can assure the House on that.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is it unlawful to preside over a meeting or deliver a speech when that meeting is not prohibited by the Government?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know how many Hindi Pandits have taken part in subversive movements?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I do not know how many were arrested. Some have resigned their jobs and gone away on the ground that they propose to take part in political agitation. As to how many of them were arrested, I am afraid, I cannot give any information to the Hon'ble Member.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഈ മീറ്റിംഗ് തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ എവിടെ വെച്ചാണ് കൂടിയതെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: സാധാരണയായി ബാൻചെയ്യുകൂടുന്ന മീറ്റിംഗാണെങ്കിൽ അതു് എവിടെയാണു് എന്നന്വേഷിക്കേണ്ട ചുമതല ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെയല്ലാതെ കൂടുന്ന മീറ്റിംഗുകൾ എവിടെയൊക്കെയാണു നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് അന്വേഷിക്കാറില്ല. He wants to know where the meeting was held.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No information. I may correct the Hon'ble Member. No objectionable speech was made.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ഈച്ചരമേനോൻ : ഗവമ്മെണ്ടുവേതനം അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന ആളുകൾ ഇതിനു മുമ്പു് ഇതിനേക്കാളും കടുപ്പമായി അതിർകടന്നു സംസാരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ : അതു് അന്വേഷിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തിയെ പ്രതിഷേധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു കൂടുന്ന യോഗങ്ങളിൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷം വഹിക്കുന്നവരെ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് സപ്ലീസിൽ എടുക്കുന്നതു ശരിയാണോ ?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the Government aware that people who have gone to jail are appointed as high officials in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The question answers itself.

EXAMINERS—S.S.L.C. AND III FORM EXAMINATIONS

70. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any rule or convention or G. O. that the assistant examiners and examiners of the S.S.L.C. and Form III Examinations shall be changed every two years;

(*b*) if so, how many such examiners are there who have been either Examiners or Assistant examiners for more than two years;

(*c*) the number and names of such examiners who have been examiners coming under the category of (*b*) above and the total number of years they have been Examiners in each case?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) No.
(*b*) Does not arise.
(*c*) Does not arise.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

71. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was a body called College Students' Council functioning in the Maharaja's College;

(*b*) whether this body is functioning now;

(*c*) what are the functions of this body?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) 1. To report on matters referred to it by the Principal.

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